

**MINUTES OF THE
SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Thursday, February 8, 2018 • 7:59 a.m. • 30 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Senate Chair
Rep. Paul Ray, House Chair
Rep. Raymond P. Ward, House Vice Chair
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell
Sen. Todd Weiler
Sen. Brian Zehnder
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Rep. Rebecca P. Edwards
Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes
Rep. Sandra Hollins
Rep. Michael S. Kennedy

Rep. Edward H. Redd
Rep. Norman K. Thurston

Members Absent:

Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Daniel Hemmert
President Wayne L. Niederhauser

Staff Present:

Ms. An Bradshaw, Committee Secretary
Ms. Alysha S. Gardner, Staff Economist
Mr. Russell T. Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1 . Call to Order

Rep. Ray called the meeting to order at 8:23 a.m.

2 . Public Input on Topics on Today's Agenda

Andrew Riggle, Advocate, Disability Law Center, spoke in favor of funding for the Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD) and mental health programs.

Julie Smith, Director, Your Community Connection, spoke in favor of funding for domestic violence programs.

Sen. Weiler asked if the requested funding is one-time or ongoing and Ms. Smith responded.

Rep. Redd asked about the increase in referrals and Ms. Smith responded.

Sen. Christensen asked about the level of funding and Ms. Smith responded.

Ms. Terry Mitchell, Kinship Care Provider, Grandfamilies of Children's Service Society (CSS), spoke in favor of funding CSS and about how CSS helps her family.

Rep. Ray asked questions and Ms. Mitchell responded.

Rep. Redd asked about the services provided by CSS and Ms. Mitchell responded.

Ms. Jennifer Campbell, Executive Director, South Valley Services (SVS), spoke in favor of funding for SVS and detailed services provided by SVS.

Sgt. Troy Liquin, Cache County Sheriff's Department, spoke in favor of funding the Lethality Assessment Protocol (LAP).

Sen. Christensen asked some questions about how the LAP works. Sgt. Liquin responded.

Sen. Weiler made a comment about the value of the LAP.

Rep. Redd made a comment about the usefulness of the LAP.

Ms. Jeanie Pettit, Grandparent, talked about the children and grandchildren she is raising and the importance of the assistance provided by CSS.

Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst, LFA, gave clarifying information about the funding request for CSS.

Sen. Weiler told about his experience as the Easter Bunny at a CSS event.

Melissa Jensen, Outreach Manager, Utahns Against Hunger, spoke in favor of funding for feeding the elderly.

Sen. Christensen asked for more information about Senior Congregate Meals and Ms. Jensen responded.

Ginger Phillips, Certified Peer Support Specialist, spoke in favor of funding domestic violence shelters and funding forensic beds at the State Hospital.

Rep. Redd thanked Ms. Phillips for her advocacy for the mentally ill.

Mr. Bill Gibson, Grandparent, spoke in favor of funding for CSS.

Chair Ray spoke in favor of the Children's Service Society (CSS).

Lt. Brad Franke, Logan City Police, expressed appreciation for funding domestic abuse shelters and the LAP and asked that funding for these be prioritized.

Capt. Curtis Hooley, Logan City Police, spoke of the importance of responding to domestic violence calls and the value of the LAP.

Jeremy Cunningham, Citizen, told of his experience caring for his grandmother who had Alzheimer's and his subsequent experience incurring a disability and the need for respite care for caregivers.

Stan Rasmussen, Citizen, spoke in favor of funding for dementia prevention and education.

Sgt. JC Holt, West Jordan Police, spoke strongly in favor of funding services that help domestic violence victims, especially the LAP.

Jackelyn Orton, Alzheimer's Association and Utah State Plan for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia, spoke in favor of funding respite for caregivers.

Jason Brown, Volunteer, Meals on Wheels, spoke in favor of funding for the program.

Rep. Redd thanked the many volunteers who help out in very difficult circumstances.

Kendra Wyckoff, Executive Director, Peace House, spoke in favor of funding for domestic violence victim services.

Joan Provost, parent of a forty-nine year old cognitively disabled son, spoke in favor of funding vocational programs for school-aged disabled children.

Erin Jemison, Director of Public Policy, YWCA - Utah, spoke in favor of funding for domestic violence services, family planning services, and the homeless.

Jill Anderson, Executive Director, Community Abuse Prevention Services Agency (CAPSA), spoke in favor of funding for the LAP and support for domestic violence victims.

Rep. Redd expressed gratitude for Ms. Anderson and law enforcement in Cache County who deal with domestic violence victims.

Dr. Brant Wadsworth, Executive Director, Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center, spoke in favor of ongoing funding for domestic violence services.

Kris Fawson, Citizen, spoke in support of funding for Alzheimer's sufferers, particularly those who have Down Syndrome.

3 . Requests for Appropriation - Human Services

[5a-RFA - Thurston - Psych Techs](#)

Rep. Thurston presented a request for funding for #DI - Psychiatric Technician Wages at the Utah State Hospital.

[5b-RFA - Thurston - DSPD Waiting List](#)

Rep. Thurston presented a request for funding for #DJ - Disability Services: Waiting List.

Rep. Eliason also spoke in support of the funding because of his personal experience with his daughter.

[5d-RFA - Redd - DSPD Transportation Funding \(2017 and 2018 GS\)](#)

Rep. Redd presented a request for #DL - DSPD Transportation Funding.

Kate McConaughy, Executive Director, Work Activity Center, spoke in support of the appropriation.

Rep. Redd recapped the need for this funding.

Rep. Quinn requested ongoing funding of \$100,000 for the National Ability Center (NAC).

Kevin Stickelman, Chief Operating Officer, NAC, explained the veterans' program to the committee.

Brad Peterson, Chair, NAC, spoke in support of funding for the program.

Tim Bates, Veteran, told of the help he has received from the NAC.

Rep. Ray thanked Mr. Bates for his service.

Sen. Christensen commented on the value of the NAC and the beautiful benches there that were built and donated by his grandson for his Eagle Scout project.

Rep. Chavez-Houck asked clarifying questions and Rep. Quinn responded.

[5e-RFA - Ray - DSPD Direct Care Staff Salary Increase](#)

Charlie Luke, Executive Director, Utah Association of Community Services, spoke in support of funding for DSPD Direct Care Staff Salary Increase.

Sen. Christensen asked how many direct individual providers are in the program and Mr. Luke responded.

[5f-RFA - Ray - Children's Service Society](#)

Encarni Gallardo, Executive Director, CSS, presented the request for funding CSS.

Bacall Hincks, Program Coordinator, CSS, spoke about the programs provided by CSS for children and families.

Rep. Ray asked for more information about the staff of CSS and Ms. Gallardo responded.

Sen. Christensen also asked about staffing and Ms. Gallardo responded.

Rep. Redd asked about partnerships with CSS in Cache County and Ms. Hincks responded.

Rep. Ray asked what year CSS was founded and Ms. Gallardo responded that it was in 1884.

Rep. Last presented the request for funding for #CC - Hilddale Family Resource Facilitators.

Shirlee Draper, Cherish Families, told of her experience leaving a fundamentalist community and the need for this funding.

Jon Pike, Mayor, St. George, spoke in support of the request.

[5g-RFA - Christensen - Domestic Violence, Essential Victim Services Funding](#)

Jenn Oxborrow, Executive Director, Utah Domestic Violence Coalition, presented the request for #DE - Domestic Violence, Essential Victim Services Funding.

[5i-RFA - Edwards - Children in Family Treatment Programs](#)

Rep. Edwards presented a request for funding for #DF - Children in Family Treatment Programs, assisted by Adam Cohen, CEO, Odyssey House, and Lisa Heaton, Executive Director, House of Hope.

Rep. Edwards presented a funding request for #FI - 4-H Youth Development.

Ken White provided information on 4-H programs throughout the State.

Rep. Kennedy asked about the need for a representative in each county and how many children participate in 4-H in the State. Mr. White responded.

[5o-RFA - Snow - Switchpoint Community Homeless Resource Center](#)

Rep. Snow presented the funding request for #FG - Switchpoint Community Homeless Resource Center, with the assistance of Mayor John Pike of St. George.

Sen. Christensen commented on the need for areas outside of Salt Lake County to also have a share in the funding for homeless resources.

[5n-RFA - Ivory - Telehealth Mental Health Pilot Program - Performance Note](#)

Rep. Ivory presented the funding request for #DH - Telehealth Mental Health Pilot Program, assisted by Michael Anderson, Administrator, Jordan School District.

Rep. Chavez-Houck asked a clarifying question and Rep. Ivory responded.

4 . FY 2018 and FY 2019 Budget Discussions, Prioritizing, and Voting

Rep. Ray explained the agenda for the upcoming meeting on February 9, 2018.

Sen. Christensen explained to the committee about some items on the cherry list.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to adjourn.

Rep. Ray adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.